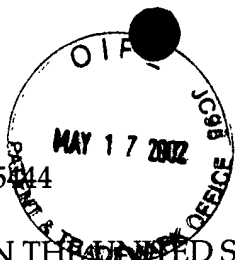


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For: IC PACKAGE WITH EDGE CONNECT  
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) Art Unit: 2841

) Examiner: T. Dinh

AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed November 5, 2001, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to consider the following remarks:

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of this application as amended. Claims 15-24 are pending in the application. No claims have been amended. No claims have been added. No claims have been canceled.

The Examiner rejected Claims 15-24 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-3 of U.S. Patent No. 6,250,934. As this is a provisional rejection, Applicant will wait until the conflicting claims have been in fact patented before addressing the rejection.

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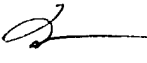
The Examiner also rejected Claims 15-24 under 35 U.S.C §103(a) as being unpatentable over Krehbiel in view of Ringer et al. The Examiner sets forth Krehbiel specifically stating that Krehbiel has a pair of openings that match the first and second openings of the claims. Specifically the Examiner points to the second opening as the access opening 86. As stated in column 7, access opening 86 enables convenient access to the cover for urging the cover into an angular alignment corresponding to an unmated condition of the SIP (see column 7, line 3-8). Therefore, the opening does allow access to the cover in Krehbiel. However, as claimed, the IC package is inserted through the second opening. Such language can be seen in Claim 15 where it states "such that the IC package is inserted into the first receptacle through the second opening." Also, in Claim 20, it states: "inserting the IC package into the first receptacle through the second opening". Therefore, the IC package is inserted through the second opening. Such is clearly not the case in Krehbiel. Krehbiel merely provides access in which the card may be maneuvered while it is in a semi-inserted position within its carrier.

Ringer does not help in this deficiency. That is, Ringer also does not show a second opening through which an IC package is inserted as set forth in the claims. In view of this, Applicant respectfully submits the present invention as claimed is not obvious in view of Krehbiel and Ringer.

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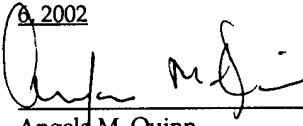
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